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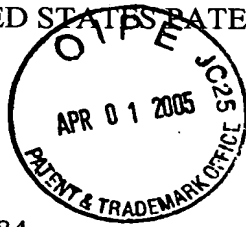
In re the Application of

Tomoko OHTSUKI

Application No.: 10/070,684

Filed: September 12, 2002

For: LASER DEVICE AND EXPOSURE METHOD



Group Art Unit: 2828

Examiner: A. Rodriguez

Docket No.: 112162

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DISCLOSED INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The March 23, 2005 Office Action erroneously stated on page 2 that "the information disclosure statement filed July 14, 2004 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the information disclosure statement does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(ii), no English language translation of a non-English language document or portion thereof has [sic] submitted for the crossed-out document." In addition, the PTO-1449 returned with the Office Action crossed-out all Japanese references that were listed on it.

However, all of the Japanese references were cited in the International Search Report from the International (PCT) stage of this application. An English-language translation of that Search Report was submitted with the July 14, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement, and is re-submitted herewith. In fact, this is the second time that an Information Disclosure Statement along with the translated Search Report has been submitted to the Patent Office. All of these documents were originally submitted on September 12, 2002, but had been overlooked by the previous Examiner of this application.

As indicated in MPEP 609, part III.A(3), "where the information [submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement] listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a Search Report or other action by a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the Search Report or other action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign Office." In addition, MPEP 609, part II indicates that "the Examiner will consider the documents cited in the International Search Report in a PCT National Stage application when the form PCT/DO/E0/903 indicates that both the International Search Report and the copies of the documents are present in the National Stage file." For either of these reasons, the Examiner must consider the Japanese references identified in the PTO-1449 originally filed September 12, 2002, resubmitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 14, 2004, and again submitted herewith.

The Examiner is requested to place his initials adjacent to the Japanese references on the attached PTO-1449, demonstrating his consideration of the subject information, and to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 to Applicant's undersigned attorney. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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Translated International Search Report

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	7	JP A 3-88379	04/12/1991	Japan			
	8	JP A 10-339891	12/22/1998	Japan			
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	11	Petrov et al., "Vacuum ultraviolet application of $\text{Li}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$ crystals: Generation of 100fs pulses down to 170nm" JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS, vol. 84, no. 11, December 1, 1998, pp. 5887-5892.					
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